

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 22, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 3, 5, 6, 17-20, and 22 are considered allowable over the prior art is appreciated. Accordingly, claims 3, 5, 6, 17 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form. In particular:

Claim 3 is a combination of prior claims 1, 2, and 3.

Claim 5 is a combination of prior claims 1 and 5.

Claim 6 is a combination of prior claims 1, 2, and 6.

Claim 17 is a combination of prior claims 15, 16, and 17.

Claim 19 is a combination of prior claims 15 and 19.

The remaining pending claims depend from the allowable independent claims. No new issues or new matter are raised by these amendments.

Claims 1-2, 4, 8-10, 13 and 15-16 stand rejected as anticipated by Schaaf and claims 7, 11, and 21 stand rejected as unpatentable over Schaaf. Independent claims 1 and 15 and dependent claims 2 and 9 have been canceled. The remaining dependent claims now depend from allowable independent claims. This rejection is moot.

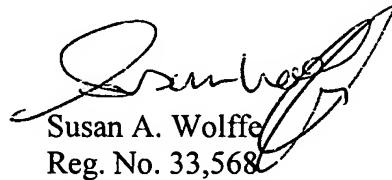
The figures have been accepted and changes to the drawings were not required for this response. Applicants are considering amending Figure 6 as suggested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

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